

FINANCE ACT WILL BE ONE OF THREE ASSEMBLY ITEMS

A SHORT SESSION MEETING HELD HERE

The Special Session of Legislature Which Will Convene Tuesday Will be Asked to Authorize Mr. Lacy to Sell Bonds to Meet the School Deficit.

(By Max Abernethy.)
Raleigh, Nov. 29.—The fact that the state has been able to market five million dollars worth of its bonds for more than par and can sell all the remainder that will be demanded by the building program will have a fine tendency to prevent a very long session of the general assembly which meets in special session next Tuesday. The general impression now is that the legislature will be content to do the things which it was called together to do, and then quit and go home.

The legislature will handle these three matters:

1. Amend the municipal finance act in such a manner that the cities and towns of North Carolina will not be cramped into too narrow financial shoes. This can be done by the correction of an error made by a senate clerk when the amendments to the municipal finance act was amended during the general session. The executive committee of the North Carolina Municipal League has already held a meeting and appointed the proper committee to see that the proper bills necessary for making this correction are in shape when the special session convenes. It is not expected that this matter will provoke a fight of cause any prolonged discussion.

2. The legislature will be asked to (Continued on Page 8)

AGENT'S CASE NOT FINISHED

Washington, Nov. 29.—While his own judgment is that the agent is blameless under the circumstances, Prohibition Commissioner Haynes has decided to refer to Secretary Mellon for final decision the charges made by Mayor Stuart of Savannah that Special Agent B. B. Henson raided a home without a warrant.

The Savannah Mayor complained to President Harding and the Georgia senators said Henson had entered the home of Miss Bessie Garden, without justification and apparently without a warrant. An inquiry by Mr. Haynes was said to have developed Henson had a warrant for another dwelling and by mistake entered the wrong house.

BIG FIRE IN FITZGERALD, GA.

Fitzgerald, Ga., Nov. 29.—One half of the one hundred blocks in the main business section of Fitzgerald was practically wiped out by fire early this morning entailing a loss of about \$300,000 with small insurance.

LONDON IS FAVORABLE TO ASSOCIATION OF NATIONS

London, Nov. 29.—Increasing attention is given by the London press to the Harding suggestion for an "Association of Nations" through a series of international conferences the conclusion of which would be observed under a "gentleman's agreement" rather than by treaty.

The Times today said that Mr. Harding's conception of the principles underlying such an association has in itself a "tonic effect." The newspaper adds:

"It is heartening to know that the President inspired by the results of the Washington conference, is already looking forward to the future in which the possibility of cooperation by America in the solution of the

WILL ADVERTISE THE RESOURCES OF EASTERN CAROLINA

COMMISSION'S ORDER

Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce Plans Campaign to Raise Funds to Give the Proper Publicity to the Unbounded Resources That Exist in This Section.

A representative gathering of members and directors of the Eastern North Carolina Chamber of Commerce together with bankers and other business men of eastern Carolina met in Wilson this morning in the rooms of the local Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of perfecting plans to advertise the advantages of eastern North Carolina. Funds will be raised and a systematic advertising campaign put on.

The officers of the Eastern North Carolina Chamber of Commerce are Mr. C. J. Ellen of Greenville, president; Mr. H. L. Smith of Greenville, secretary. The meeting drafted a constitution and set of by laws to be adopted by the Chamber. The men of the organization are convinced that the resources of eastern Carolina can scarcely be equalled in any part of the country, and they are setting about the business of raising funds to advertise the section with an abiding faith in the resources of the eastern section of the State.

Among those here to attend the meeting are, Messrs. W. A. McGuirtman of the North Carolina Landowners Association; Mr. Hugh McRae, president of the Tidewater Power Company of Wilmington; Mr. H. E. Barlow, secretary of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce; Mr. H. L. Smith of Greenville; Mr. Louis Tomlinson, president of the Wilson Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. H. Y. Scott, secretary of the Wilson Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. C. L. Millard, president of the Roper Lumber Company of Norfolk, Va.

GENERAL NEWS

M. Viviani, head of the French delegation in Washington, emphatically denies that M. Briand spoke in a slighting way of Italians in a private meeting of the Washington conference.

Mrs. Bessie Long, a Georgia farmer's wife died yesterday from a pistol wound, which her husband declares was accidentally inflicted by a sister-in-law.

Two hundred and fifty policemen late yesterday battled with union sympathizers of striking river front workers in New Orleans. A number of injured were sent to hospitals.

WEATHER REPORT

For North Carolina, fair tonight and Wednesday, no change in temperature, strong northwest winds.

RAILWAYS MUST PROVE NECESSITY FOR PRESENT RATE

COMMISSION'S ORDER

The Roads Are Required to Explain if the Present Rates are Reasonable in the Country as a Whole and Reasonable in Territorial Rate Groups; Must Show Operating Cost.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The railroads will be given from December 14 to 21 to justify in hearings the present level of transportation charges, the Interstate Commerce Commission announced today. It is intended to guide all persons interested in appearing in the general investigation the commission is to make.

The roads are asked if present rates are reasonable in the country as a whole and reasonable in territorial rate groups and if not to what extent they need modification. It asks their financial showing as to what returns the carriers are earning, and what prospects they have for the future; what had been done to reduce operating expenses; what reduction has been made in individual commodity rates; and what has been expended on maintenance.

MARKETS

COTTON MARKET.

New York, Nov. 29.—The rallies of late yesterday were followed by renewed irregularity in the cotton market at the opening today. The opening was steady at a decline of 2 points on May but generally unchanged to 13 points higher on Liverpool cables, reports of an improved spot demand in the English market and talk of prospects for an early settlement of the question of naval armament.

New York, Nov. 29.—Cotton futures opened steady. Dec. 17.90, Jan. 17.70, March 17.64, May 17.33, July 16.90.

NEW YORK COTTON OPENED

Jan. 17.70, Mar. 17.64, May 17.33, July 16.90, Oct. 15.95, Dec. 17.90. Spots on the Wilson market 16 1-4

12 O'CLOCK MARKET

Jan. 17.80, Mar. 17.70, May 17.40, July 16.92, Oct. 15.95, Dec. 17.85.

COTTON SEED OIL

Jan. 836, Feb. 852, Mar. 870, April 875, May 890, June 891, Dec. 801.

LIVERPOOL OPENED

Jan. 10.95, Mar. 10.92, May 10.82, July 10.76, Oct. 10.30, Dec. 10.97.

LIVERPOOL CLOSED

Jan. 10.78, Mar. 10.75, May 10.68, July 10.57, Oct. 10.14, Dec. 10.58. Call money 4 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Sterling 398 3/4, Francs 690, Lire 405 1-2, Marks 36 1-2.

CHICAGO GRAIN OPENED

Wheat, May 1.18 1-4, Dec. 1.14 1-2 Oats, May 38 3-8, Dec. 32 3-4. Corn, May 54 7-8, Dec. 48 3-8.

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STOCKS.

New York, Nov. 29.—Trading shifted to shipments, oils, motors and their specialties at the opening of today's stock market. Rails, steels and equipment showed little of their recent activity. United Fruit rose 1 1-2 points, Mercantile Marine preferred, American International, Willys Overland preferred, United States Rubber and Kelly Springfield Tire also hardening.

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A DIFFERENCE IN ASSOCIATION AND EXISTING LEAGUE

BORAH SAID NOT

President Harding is Anxious to Secure International Co-operation, but Our Correspondent is Sure Borah's Criticism is Based on Inadequate Information.

(By David Lawrence.)
(Copyright, 1921, by the Daily Times.)

Washington, Nov. 28.—President Harding has worked out only in principle the project for a continuous conference of nations. The criticism of Senator Borah, therefore, that the talk of "Association of Nations" would only be the "League of Nations under another name," is unfortunately based upon inadequate information.

This correspondent has the highest authority for making the foregoing observation. The truth is Mr. Harding did not plan deliberately to interject a discussion of a world organization into the press at this time. He was asked a question at the regular conference with Washington correspondents last Friday and the initiative was entirely with the latter. The impromptu answer was indeed the expression by the president of his earnest hope of what might develop out of the gathering which now is taking place. For a long time he has sensed the rising tide of American opinion in favor of international co-operation of some kind though, at the same time, he has felt that the people of the United States would not sanction anything that savored of a "super-government."

Anybody who supposes that Mr. Harding has in mind an organization like the present League of Nations will find that notion dissipated when the president makes known the details of his plan. Nor does the president feel that he would be creating a rival to the League of Nations. Since the United States government has definitely turned down the idea of membership in the League of Nations in its present form it would be illogical, say Mr. Harding's friends, to find the president proposing another organization with similar rules and regulations and with merely another name.

This much the new plan would have in common with the League of Nations—an identity of object, namely the prevention of war by having frequent international conferences. But that object has been sought through one form or another for generations and the feeling in administration quarters is that there cannot be too many efforts in that direction.

As an example of how different the Harding plan might eventually be from the League of Nations covenant, it is interesting to summarize the principles which have been embodied by the American Peace Society in one project which has been sent to every member of the Conference on Limitation of Armament. It cannot be said that the American Peace Society formula will be adopted but it would not be surprising if the plan worked out by the president resembled more closely this type of plan than the League covenant. Here are the principles:

"First. To institute conferences of nations to meet at stated intervals in continuation of the first two conferences of The Hague; and, to facilitate the labors of such conferences, to invite accredited institutions devoted to the study of international law, to prepare projects for the consideration of governments, in advance of submission to the conference. . . .

"Second. To convolve as soon as practicable a conference for the advancement of international law; to provide for its organization outside the domination of any one nation or any limited group of nations; to which conference, every nation recognizing, accepting, and applying

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POWERS GIVE UP ALL TERRITORIAL RIGHTS IN CHINA

COURTS CONSIDERED A

If an International Commission Finds the Chinese System is Adequate Without Maintenance of Foreign Courts These Will be Withdrawn from China.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The nine powers' conference on Pacific and Far Eastern questions today adopted resolutions providing for the relinquishment of territorial rights in China. The resolutions provided for the withdrawal of foreign courts in China should an international commission find that the Chinese judicial system is adequate without maintenance of the foreign courts.

After adopting resolutions dealing with extra territorial rights the delegates continued a discussion of Chinese requests for the withdrawal of foreign troops.

THEATER COLLAPSED.

New York, Nov. 29.—A number of persons were reported injured today when a theater at Bedford and Park Avenue in Brooklyn collapsed. First reports said several were killed.

ULSTER WANTS NO ALL-IRELAND GOVT.

Belfast, Nov. 29.—Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier speaking before northern parliament here today said he had told Lloyd George that the British government's proposals to Ulster for the settlement of the Irish question were utterly impossible. He said Ulster would not enter an all-Ireland parliament under present conditions but was prepared to discuss other avenues for settlement.

The Prime Minister said the accounts of the government's plan for Ireland government that had appeared in the press were "fairly accurate."

Sir James made these statements in speaking to a motion for adjournment.

CERTIFICATES ARE SOLD

Washington, Nov. 29.—Additional sales of railroad equipment trust certificates held by the Government in the amount of \$2,539,100 was announced today by Director General of Railroads Davis. This makes the total of these securities sold to date \$120,068,300.

Today's sales consisted of certificates of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Co., Atlantic Coast Line and Virginia railroad.

TOBACCO WILL COME UP FIRST

Washington, Nov. 29.—Chairman Penrose of the Senate finance committee announced today that hearings on a permanent tariff bill would be resumed on December 7. The tobacco schedule will be taken up first and the cotton schedule next.

LATER ON HARDING'S PROPOSALS TO COME UP

Washington, Nov. 29.—President Harding's suggestion for a continuing conference of nations is expected by administration officials to become the subject of formal discussion before the present conference ends.

It was indicated in official quarters today that although the president had no intention of complicating the far eastern and armament negotiations by bringing the subject before the conference at present he fully expected that after these questions are out of the way there will be a serious effort for agreement at

EMPLOYES DEMAND PAY RESTORED TO THE FORMER BASIS

A COUNTER DEMAND

The Railroads Are Thus Met in Their Proposed New Request to Reduce Wages; Railroads and General Chairmen Will Confer; May Go Back to the Labor Board.

Cincinnati, Nov. 29.—Instructions have been issued to members of the Brotherhood of Railway and steamship clerks, freight handlers, station and express employees by E. H. Fitzgerald, grand president to the 230 general chairman of the brotherhood, to meet a proposed new demand of the railroads for a further reduction of wages with counter demand of restoration of pay to the former basis in effect before the 12 per cent cut was ordered by the labor board.

It is expected the management of the indicated railroads will confer with the general chairmen of the brotherhoods and if they cannot reach agreement the question will be referred back to the labor board.

EDUCATION WEEK DEC. 4-10.

Washington, Nov. 29.—President Harding issued a proclamation today setting apart the week of Dec. 4th to 10th, as American Education Week during which citizens are urged to assist general efforts to reduce illiteracy and give thought to remedying faults in the educational system of the nation.

INVESTIGATE TRANSACTIONS OF SHIPPING BOARD.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The government is preparing to lay before the Federal grand jury here on Dec. 8, the result of the investigation of certain transactions between Chas. W. Morse and the shipping board.

MISS DAPHNE CARRAWAY IS HERE FOR VACATION

Miss Irma Carraway has returned from Washington, D. C., where she spent the Thanksgiving holidays. She was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Daphne Carraway, who will remain in Wilson until after the Christmas holidays.

Miss Daphne Carraway has achieved success in her work with Radcliffe's Chautauque to that work the first of the year. She will be in Wilson for a few weeks.

NAVAL EXPERTS HAVE POSTPONED MEETING.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The scheduled meeting today of the "Big Five" naval experts, the first general meeting held by the naval men for nearly a week, was postponed until tomorrow at the request of one of the delegations. No official statement as to the reason of the postponement or the delegation making the request was given.

As a result of foreign comment on the Harding proposals it was also declared by administration spokesmen there was no intention that any association of nations resulting from these conferences should become in any way a rival of the league of nations. The president's position was said to be that the new association should not have the attitude of an understanding agency for the league.